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5.	IT Enabling and Tele/Cyber Communications	Agartala	June, 2007
6.	Education and Sports	Imphal	July 2007
7.	Handlooms and Handicrafts	Dimapur	August, 2007
8.	Investment in industry; Public Private and PPP, including banking and credit and Externally Aided projects	Shillong	September, 2007
9.	Flood Control and Irrigation	Guwahati	October, 2007
10.	Forestry and Forest Produce	Tawang	November, 2007
11.	Health and Medical Education, Drinking Water Supply	Kohima	December, 2007
12.	Tourism, Art and Culture	Gangtok	January, 2008
13.	Rail Connectivity	Imphal	February, 2008
14.	Small Industries, Khadi, Village Industries	Agartala	March, 2008
15.	Food Processing	Aizawl	April, 2008

Arrest of Fishermen by Sri Lankan Army

2445. SHRIS.ANBALAGAN:
DR. K. MALAISAMY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether several fishermen of Indian origin alongwith their fishing boats have been taken into custody by Sri Lankan Navy while fishing in the sea near the Sri Lanka and Indian border;

(b) the number that have been taken to custody during the last five years and the number out of them that have been released and the status of the remaining fishermen taken to custody;

(c) the process and stage of action taken by Government of India for the release of these persons;

(d) whether there is any follow up in this regard; and

(e) if so, whether it has been adequate and effective?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b) Indian fishermen straying into/fishing on the Sri Lankan side of the International Maritime Boundary Line (IMBL) in the Palk Straits and the Gulf of Mannar are apprehended by the Sri Lankan Navy. The number of Indian fishermen in Sri Lankan Custody in the last five years was: 85 in 2001,116 in 2002,606 in 2003 and 109 in 2004. All these fishermen have been released. No bonafide Indian fisherman was taken into Sri Lankan custody in 2005 and in 2006 so far.

(c) to (e) Cases of India fishermen taken into Sri Lankan custody and their repatriation are promptly taken up by Government with concerned Sri Lankan authorities. These have proved effective so far and, as a result, there is no bonafide Indian fisherman at present in Sri Lankan custody.

Direction on subsidies to Haj pilgrims

2446. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR RUPANI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the quota of pilgrims, State-wise and the amount of subsidy that was given to Haj pilgrims during last five years from 2001-02 to 2005, State-wise; and

(b) whether the subsidy is given to any other religious groups/or faiths in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) The quota of pilgrims allocated State wise by the Haj Committee of India during the last five years *i.a.* 20Q2 to 2006, is enclosed as Statement *(See* below)

The amount of subsidy that was given by Government for Haj pilgrims during the last five years i.e. 2002 to 2006 is as under:

Year	Amount of Subsidy (Rs. crores)-Provisional
2002	173.63
2003	172.00
2004	160.70
2005	185.81
2006	280.00